Formulation of agricultural policy for second green revolution

†1185. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new agricultural policy would be formulated by Government to bring second green revolution in the country;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be announced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The National Commission on Farmers has, in its Fourth Report, recommended a Draft National Policy for Farmers. However, the Commission is currently holding consultations with State Governments, Farmers Organisations and other stakeholders on the Draft Policy. On the basis of input received during consultations, the Commission now envisages to include it in its Fifth and Final Report to be submitted to the Government.

NAIS in A.P.

1186. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of farmers, crops and agricultural land covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) in Andhra Pradesh, till date;

(b) the criteria followed to decide the rate of premium under the scheme, crop-wise;

(c) the details of financial liabilities shared by Central Government and the State/Union Territories;

(d) the total amount of premium collected for the said scheme in the State during each of the last three years; and

(e) the payment made against the insurance claims during the said period, till date?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been implemented in Andhra Pradesh from Kharif 2000 onwards. The kharif crops covered under the scheme are black gram, castor, red gram, green gram, groundnut, Jowar, maize, paddy, Bajra, soyabean, sunflower, sugarcane, cotton, banana & chilly and paddy, jowar, maize, bengal gram, green gram, groundnut, black gram, sunflower, onion, red chilly and mango in Rabi season. About 121 lakh farmers and an area of 185 lakh hect. has been covered till Kharif 2006 under the scheme in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) There are two categories of chargeable premium rates under NAIS. Flat rates of premium are charged for insuring food and oilseeds crops. There are fixed keeping in view the risk involved and the paying capacity of farmers. Actuarial rates of premium are charged for insuring annual commercial and horticultural crops. These rates are calculated on the basis of variability in the yield.

(c) The financial liabilities on account of claims, premium subsidy, bank service charges and administrative & operational expenses are shared between the Centre and State Governments in the ratio of 50:50.

(d) and (e) Year-wise claims paid and premium collected in Andhra Pradesh are given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Premium Collected	Claims Paid
2003-04	6083.96	21491.66
2004-05	10598.31	9296.85
2005-06*	10726.84	29102.32

*Claims in respect of 2005-06 are in the process of settlement.

Functioning of CACP

1187. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices in fixing the prices of foodgrains;